

The Snyder Signal

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SPLENDID SHOWING MADE BY SNYDER SCHOOLS THIS SESSION

The Snyder Schools have now been in progress a little more than a month and a little more than a month of splendid work has been accomplished. Evidence of satisfaction has no other source than the expressions of its patrons. Some say that the way our school is starting off, promises to be the best we have had for many years. Others say that it is the best, while others speak with perfect satisfaction concerning the progress being made. If there has been any dissenting expressions we have not heard it.

Superintendent Burnett has proven his ability as a school man by the way he has the situation in hand. He has the respect of the entire student body which goes a long way toward the success of a school.

Perhaps no superintendent has ever had a more congenial set of teachers than are at Snyder this year. They are able, conscientious of their responsibility and are doing their work well, and from all accounts the pupils are responding very satisfactorily.

Absence of undue criticism and a desire on the part of the parents

and patrons to be of service and to co-operate in every way they can for the betterment of the school, has been a wonderful help in bringing about the present harmonious relations.

It is certainly no little pleasure for us to be able to say this. It means so much to Snyder, it means so much to the children and it means so much to the parents.

If one is not altogether void of feeling and can see the beautiful in life, the parade by the school children on last Saturday evening would be bound to draw out that innermost, sympathetic heart-cord that binds the human soul to innocent toddling childhood. What a tremendous responsibility and what a wonderful opportunity is bound up in a little child. It is the whole communities job, and the work that is being done by the Parent-Teachers Association, in conjunction with the teachers, is worthy the highest commendation.

The arrangement of the high school at West Ward has been entirely satisfactory, and under the leadership of Mr. Alsop, principal, the student body is delighted with the program.

May Secure Presbyterian Orphanage

Rev. G. C. Wright, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Snyder has just returned from the Synod recently held at Wichita Falls. In a great many instances, Rev. Wright said, this Synod was probably the most interesting one he had ever attended.

Many important things came up for consideration, among them was the Reynolds Orphanage at Albany, which has been under the direct supervision of the Abilene Presbytery.

REV. JEFF DAVIS WILL BE HERE SUNDAY

Rev. Jeff Davis, pastor Baptist church, came in Thursday from his work with the \$75,000,000 campaign, and will preach at the Baptist church Sunday morning and at night.

Bro. Davis says the work is progressing very nicely and he was satisfied that the quota for his district would be raised.

Bro. Davis is in receipt of a letter from Lon A. Smith, Comptroller, offering him the place of Chaplain for the Texas organization, Son's of Confederate Veterans, at the reunion to be held at Chattanooga. He will not be able to attend, he says, on account of his other work.

The letter follows:

Austin, Texas, Oct. 7, 1921.

Rev. Jeff Davis,

Snyder, Texas.

Dear Sir and Brother:

In casting about over the State of Texas for a Chaplain on my Staff, S. C. V., I have located you up in Scurry county. Senator Buchanan, who is an employee in my Department gave me your name and I am writing you to know if you will accept the place as Chaplain.

You will understand that these places are honorary, and, of course, if you were to attend the Reunion in Chattanooga, on October 24th to 27th you would be expected to perform the duties of the chaplain for the Texas organization.

I do not even know that you are the son or grandson of a confederate veteran. If you are neither you could not qualify under our constitution. Judging from your name, I take it you are of Southern descent, and if you are connected with some civil war veteran that would put you in line for membership in our organization. You come from a part of the country from which I would like to have an appointee. Senator Buchanan said quite a few nice things about you in presenting your name to me. I am insisting that you accept this appointment.

If you accept this position send

me your photograph at once, also a biographical sketch so that I may have them in time to put in the Sunday press. I am completing my appointments today and am giving your name to the press anyway. Of course, if you cannot qualify, I can make the change later.

I am enclosing you some literature that will be of interest to you.

I am,

Your friend and brother,

Lon A. Smith.

QUARTER CENTURY SEARCH REWARDED

Mrs. Ida Pickett, 274 South Division St., Buffalo, N. Y. says:

"Twenty-five years is a long time to keep looking for something without finding it, and it's no wonder I almost lost hope. But I finally found what I was hunting, a medicine to relieve me of an awful case of indigestion."

"Tanlac rewarded my long search for relief, and I now enjoy better health than I have in thirty years."

Many people on verge of despair have taken Tanlac and recovered.

Tanlac is sold in Snyder by Graym Drug Co.

Tax Collections Have Started.

Frank Brownfield, deputy tax collector is in receipt of a letter from the Comptroller's department stating that he might begin the collection of taxes at any time without waiting for the approval of the rolls. He says that any one wanting to pay their taxes can do so now.

Marriage License.

Russell Johnston and Miss Helen Stafford.

Earl Pendergrass and Miss Methel Evans.

Buell Lewis and Miss Jennie Drennan.

Tom Holden and Miss Addie Ryan.

Herman Dargherty and Miss Ollie Carroll.

Guy E. Paxton was in Abilene this week on business.

DIVERSIFICATION KEYNOTE OF SCURRY COUNTY FAIR, OCTOBER 28 AND 29

The Chamber of Commerce is enrolling entries for the Fair right along, and expects a good-sized exhibit for October 28 and 29. Entry fees are charged only on cattle, horses, mules, hogs and sheep. Efforts are being made to obtain the services of the best poultry judge in the state and at that time to organize a going poultry association. Also an organization for better cotton this coming year, and a livestock organization. As long as our people believe we cannot do things, they will never be done, and just that much longer it will take them to do what other communities have been doing for years.

Haile county has shipped more than 300 cars of hogs in the past twelve months, 45 cars of eggs, 6 cars of live poultry and four cars of dressed and this in addition to the express shipments, which have been very large.

We are advised on good authority that one creamery concern will pay more than \$70,000 for cream at Lamesa this year, and there are three other agencies in the town doing some business. What a wonderful county Scurry could become if our farmers would be able to widen out this coming season on poultry, hogs and dairy cattle! It is estimated

that on the basis of each of our farmers having 100 good laying hens, 3 dairy cows and four sows, that the gross return would amount to one million dollars, figured on an extremely conservative basis. This is more than the average cotton crop has returned to this county for the past ten years.

Let's everybody come to this fair and help stimulate interest in better products of all kinds.

Fairs are not conducted for profit, but with a view of letting everyone see what can be done in the community. If this season is a success, next year should be better, and continue that way. Don't be discouraged or intimidated by thoughts of droughts; we know we have had them, and expect to have them again, but in going over the list of prosperous farmers in our community we find those that stayed here and made it all right, and those who will stay here and make it through again are those who adopted the plan of making their living from poultry, eggs, cream and hogs. This policy puts the country on a cash basis; it places the producer in position to maintain independence and solves the problem of the drought to a greater extent perhaps than can possibly be done in any other way.

The Oil Situation Over West Texas

Since the raise in the price of oil considerable activity is being shown in the producing fields of Texas and some evidence of this is reaching into the wildest sections. Like in most wildcat sections, however, complete cessation of drilling has not been experienced in this area during all the period of depression when oil slumped off to its present low point. Since then prices have advanced, and an awakening is taking place in the wildcat sections again. The Stanton well on the Reilly lease has received orders to commence work. A car of oil is waiting on the Dermott siding for this well.

The Jones well on the Long ranch lease is drilling below 1300 feet. Considerable difficulty has been experienced with water sands in this test but these people are persistent and determined to finish their contract to the required depth.

Work has been resumed on the Dunn well and it is understood that various Oklahoma interests have obtained an interest in this test.

Dr. Kerns at Camp Springs has en-

countered some good looking oil sand in their test and feels very much encouraged over the outlook.

Several new tests have been started in the Mitchell county field, and it is stated work will be resumed on the Coleman ranch well in the near future.

The Garza well started up some time back and got down 160 feet, but have since quit work. Nothing definite has been learned as to what their future action will be.

Local parties at Hermleigh have organized a company to drill in that section. A competent geologist has just spent about a week working out that territory preparatory to making a location. Much of the necessary material for the test is on the ground and work will be started shortly.

Some of the major operating oil companies have commenced buying low priced acreage in the territory southwest of here, showing that they have some belief in the future possibilities of oil.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASS'N TO HAVE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

The Parent-Teachers Association are going to have a Halloween Carnival, October 31st, at the City Auditorium.

This will create a great deal of interest. No doubt as they will have the elephant. Then the Goblins will be there and the witches will be there. The Goblins will get you if you don't watch out, and the witches will tell your fortunes and there will be various amusements for both old and young. There will be lots of things to eat, and of course eats cost money, but it won't be much money in this instance. So let's all be out. We can see the elephant, or we can have our fortunes told, or we can hide from the Goblins, or we can spend our time eating. There will be amusement for all. The proceeds derived from the carnival will be spent in equipping the school ground for the children. A place for the children to play.

Will Go to Abilene.

Guy E. Paxton is making preparations to move to Abilene, where he has bought into a similar business as he has here. The business here will be in the hands of Mr. Porter King. Mr. Paxton will not leave here until about the first of the year.

NEW DRUG STORE TO OPEN IN SNYDER

Messrs Jim Pruitt, Rubin Ross and a Mr. Byers of Gorman, Texas, were here this week and we understand that they rented the Mrs. Manly building on the south side and will put in a drug store.

They said they wanted to be here by the 10th of November.

R. D. Meeks, who was with Higginbotham-Bros & Co. is now traveling for a wholesale company out of Abilene.

SNYDER SCHOOL CHILDREN PARADE UNDER DIRECTION P.T. ASSOCIATION

The Parent Teachers' Association parade of children on Saturday afternoon was a complete success. Promptly at 2 o'clock headed by Brunk's band, the children started their march around the square. Carrying the American Flag with them. There were about 20 boy scouts in line. Then came the school children from the little tiny fellows through the various grades to the final wind-up with the Seniors of the High school. It was an imposing spectacle to see all of these bright-faced future men and women of our splendid community swing around the square to the music of the band. How many of us in the busy walks of life ever stop to think that the greatest asset of the nation is its children? That should our children fail the future of humanity would be immersed in complete destruction? How proud we should feel of each little tad as he comes of school age and gradually grows in mind and body toward manhood, clean cut and high in principle; of each little Miss with glowing face and ardent mind developing into the great world of light. Can any sacrifice be too great for us that they may be somewhat of that which

we had hoped them to be? Half of the entire scholarship was represented in the line of march under the escort of their teachers. Every teacher in the schools was there to assist and every room was well represented. The Parent-Teachers' Association offered a prize for the room showing the best attendance which was won by Miss Clark's room with 92 per cent present. Banners were carried by the children reading: "Pay Your School Tax." "Do You Remember When you Were a Little Fellow." "Snyder Children are the Best." "Snyder School Should Be." "The Parent Teacher Association is our Friend." "He's Them and You Help Us." "Join The Parent-Teacher Association." The campaign for membership is progressing splendidly.

There is no doubt but that Superintendent Burnett and his corps of teachers are one of the most enthusiastic faculties the Snyder Schools have ever had and that this year's school work will rank top-most in our local school history. Memberships to the Association are rolling in fast and it is hoped to have every family in Snyder represented before the campaign is over.

Building and Improvements Resumed

The Manhattan hotel is remodeling its front, putting in new doors and windows and painting. It adds considerably to its appearance. Quite a bit of improvement is going on in town and county. Some farmers are remodeling and some building. A good many new school buildings have been erected while others are preparing to vote bonds for the purpose of building. Quite a bit of activity in the building line is predicted for Snyder and Scurry county this season. Hermleigh is building three new brick buildings, which, when completed, will be very attractive and will add wonderfully to the towns welfare. A new gin has

been completed at Ira and they began operation there Saturday. They were delayed on account of not receiving the material in sufficient time to start the gin at the beginning of the season. This will be a mighty big help for the people of Ira, for it will eliminate the carrying of their cotton such a long distance to gin. M. L. Chase and son own this gin. It is noted with a considerable degree of pleasure that the Ira people have been coming to Snyder with their cotton this fall. One farmer told us that most of the Ira cotton had come to Snyder and were well pleased Snyder has had a good market.

SCURRY COUNTY VALUES SLIGHTLY DECREASE

The total property valuation of Scurry county shows a slight decrease over last year. This difference however is caused by the prevailing prices of horses, which were considerably higher last year than this. There has been a slight increase of cattle this year over last, also sheep and hogs, while sheep has suffered the greatest decrease in values.

Following is the table showing the principal items for 1920 and 1921.

1920	1921
Total value	\$6,948,156
Horses, 8,500	\$344,305
Cattle, 9,300	\$181,186
Automobiles 2108	223,850
Merchandise	356,750
Sheep 2142	11,975
Hogs, 600	3,650
Money	75,325
Notes	172,195
Total Tax	116,421.93
1921	
Total value	6,765,950
Horses, 88700 head	\$ 64,306
Cattle, 9,300 head	230,104
Automobiles 2408	300,806
Merchandise	500,650
Sheep 4000	1,950
Hogs 700	3,520
Money	46,100
Notes	110,000
Total Tax	\$136,682.86

Mr. Leath, the Tax assessor has completed his rolls for this year and is now in the hands of the comptroller for approval.

BANK OFFICIALS INAUGURATE SAVINGS CAMPAIGN

"Save and Have," is the object of an educational campaign which the First National Bank of Snyder is launching. Saving banks will be placed in the homes of those who care to open an account. The campaign is being conducted by Messrs. H. E. Zimmerly and C. E. Young.

fleisch of Dallas who will call on every home in the city, to interest depositors in conserving their idle change. The big idea being to follow up the government's educational program started during the war which resulted in instilling the saving spirit in the youth of this country.

GINNERS REPORT.

Snyder Gin	2579
Bridge Street	1836
South Side	709
Farmers Union	1400

Total Snyder	6524
Hermleigh Gin	1447
Hermleigh Planters	1251
Dunn Gin	1512
Camp Springs	842
Fluvanna	527

Total County

There were 7581 bales weighed at Snyder up to yesterday evening at 2 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Auxiliary.

Met Monday afternoon, October 17, with splendid attendance.

Songs, Prayer.

Scripture Reading, Mrs. Yoder.

Mrs. Clyde Funk, with her helpers, Mesdames Hamilton, Boren,

Towle, Elkins and Stokes, presented a very interesting Mission lesson.

Subject Japan.

Closing prayer, Mrs. Jameson.